

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Title of the application as follows:

~~SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURING RF TRANSACTIONS USING A RADIO
FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICE INCLUDING A TRANSACTIONS COUNTER~~

Please replace paragraph [0001] of the application with the following new Paragraph [0001]:

“This ~~invention~~ application (‘545 application) is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/192,488, entitled “SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PAYMENT USING RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION IN CONTACT AND CONTACTLESS TRANSACTIONS,” filed on July 9, 2002, and now issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,239,226 on July 3, 2007. The ‘488 application is a non-provisional of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/304,216, filed July 10, 2001. The ‘545 application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/340,352, entitled “SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INCENTING PAYMENT USING RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION IN CONTACT AND CONTACTLESS TRANSACTIONS,” filed January 10, 2003. The ‘352 application is a non-provisional of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/396,577, filed July 16, 2002. All of the foregoing applications are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0018] of the application with the following amended Paragraph [0018]:

“Where required, the system user may interact with the system via any input device such as, a keypad, keyboard, mouse, kiosk, personal digital assistant, handheld computer (e.g., Palm Pilot®, ~~Blueberry~~® Blackberry®), cellular phone and/or the like. Similarly, the invention could be used in conjunction with any type of personal computer, network computer, work station, minicomputer, mainframe, or the like, running any operating system such as any version of Windows, Windows NT, Windows 2000, Windows 98, Windows 95, MacOS, OS/2, BeOS,

Linux, UNIX, Solaris, or the like. Moreover, although the invention may frequently be described as being implemented with TCP/IP communications protocol, it should be understood that the invention could also be implemented using SNA, IPX, Appletalk, IPte, NetBIOS, OSI or any number of communications protocols. Moreover, the system contemplates the use, sale, or distribution of any goods, services or information over any network having similar functionality described herein.”